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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent, please amend as follows.

Amendments to the specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 8 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on Page 11 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 12 of this paper.

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A substitute specification is being filed in order to conform with U.S. practice. Headings have been added to the specification. Spelling and grammatical errors have also been corrected. The substitute specification contains no new matter. Amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies and an abstract has been added. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the surcharge for filing the English translation.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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